

Book Reviews.

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This well established and most important quarterly digest of Medicine and Surgery comes to us promptly on time. Every page of it is filled with material which every man who desires to keep *en courant* with medical progress should read. We have more than once stated that medical men cannot afford to be without this book. It should form part of his library, and, if it does, we know of no work to which he will have more recourse. The first paper is on Pulmonary Tuberculosis, by Dr. Ewart, F.R.C.P., which brings up to date a subject which is constantly increasing in importance. Dr. Ewart dwells with considerable stress upon the good results which follow the establishment of Tuberculosis Dispensaries. This, we know, is the opinion of those who are working under the auspices of Tuberculosis Leagues all over Canada. The old-fashioned treatment of pulmonary phthisis by cod liver oil by the mouth is productive of disorganization of the digestive powers of the stomach, an organ which it is important should be kept in the best possible condition. In such cases Dr. Ewart says : medicine medication is advised by Duncan Taylor in the *Lancet* of October 18, 1902, who recommends rubbing in a mixture of 4 drachms of creosote or guaiacol, 1 drachm of oil of cintronella and cod liver oil to make up 4 ounces.

The article on the Heart is replete with interest. There is scarcely a disease to which the organ is liable which is not alluded to, and the result of new remedies recorded. The department devoted to dermatology is up to date and will prove of especial value to those who devote themselves to this specialty. It is also well illustrated. Diseases of the nervous system, a somewhat complex subject, receives good attention, and there is much information to be gained by its perusal. The article on Pregnancy, Eclampsia and Malpresentations will give even experienced obstetricians many valuable hints.

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